

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM

The First Thanksgiving Observance

A Proclamation Signed in Script Type by George Washington
 Appearing in The Massachusetts Centinel of October 14, 1789

Abstract...This historic proclamation was issued by George Washington during his first year as President. It sets aside Thursday, November 26 as "A Day of Publick Thanksgiving and Prayer."

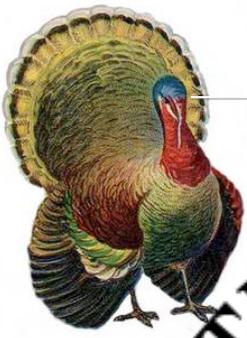
Signed by Washington on October 3, 1789 and entitled "General Thanksgiving," the decree appointed the day "to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God."

While there were Thanksgiving observances in America both before and after Washington's proclamation, this represents the first to be so designated by the new national government.

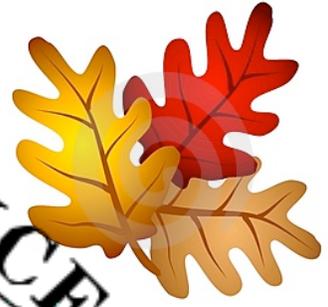
After their first harvest, the colonists of the Plymouth Plantation held a celebration of food and feasting in the fall of 1621. Indian chiefs Massassoit, Squanto and Samoset joined in the celebration with ninety of their men in the three-day event.

The first recorded Thanksgiving observance was held on June 29, 1671 at Charlestown, Massachusetts by proclamation of the town's governing council.

During the 1700s, it was common practice for individual colonies to observe days of thanksgiving throughout each year. A Thanksgiving Day two hundred years ago was a day set aside for prayer and fasting, not a day marked by plentiful food and drink as is today's custom. Later in the 18th century each of the states periodically would designate a day of thanksgiving in honor of a military victory, an adoption of a state constitution or an exceptionally bountiful crop.



THANKSGIVING PRACTICE!



***SUNDAY, NOV 8TH
AT 5:00 PM
ESTANCIA UMC
ED. BUILDING***

Thanksgiving Practice - 2009

Methodist Potluck (Estancia and Mountainair)... Sunday, November 8th at 5:00 pm we will be “practicing” Thanksgiving in the Education Building. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!!!!!** How do we plan to practice Thanksgiving????? With turkey, dressing and gravy with cranberry sauce, etc. etc. etc. We will give thanks for our many blessings, enjoy one another in fellowship and eat. And, now is the time to practice that recipe that you have been meaning to try every year, but just didn’t have time to do it (with everything else you have to do). Please feel free to invite someone (ones) that would enjoy a warm, friendly gathering with some warm, friendly Methodists. **REMEMBER** we will be “practicing” thankfulness, fellowship and eating! See you there.

Why 5:00pm? So that both Estancia and Mountainair can have their normal morning services. And, you will still be home by 7:30pm in time to get ready for the week ahead. Dieting is not an excuse.

**How long since you
practiced Pumpkin Pie!?**



**Let's practice GIVING
THANKS! (All Year!)**

Raise your hand if you want to practice EATING!

Stained Glass Project

October at the glass shop has not been as productive as usual due to our crew's other commitments. In fact, only three of us worked on the windows for most of the month. We hope to install two windows, the miracle window and Jesus in the temple when He was a 12 year old boy the last weekend of October. Jesus with the fishermen, Peter and Andrew, at the sea shore should be finished in the next two weeks. It still appears we can complete at least two windows each month. This will be consistent with our estimate of completing the job in about two years as stated earlier. We are still planning a concerted effort to get the trim on all the installed windows in the near future.

In addition, some of our glass workers are making special projects for the next seasonal events, such as, Halloween or special requests.

-Mel Stephenson



**Ready to install
Jesus in the temple**



**Ready to install
Miracle Window**



**In the works
Calling the Disciples**

THE METHODIST MEN'S MISSIONS

The Methodist Men met on Saturday October 17. As usual the meeting consisted of a breakfast which was prepared this time by Butch McGee and Jon Shively. Butch made pancakes with a secret sauce that is even sweeter than maple syrup to go with the pancakes and sausage patties. Phil Levy helped too, by making the coffee and cooking the sausage patties. There were no leftovers!

The business meeting started out with the hymn, I Surrender All, led by Jon. Nick Griffo led the devotion time with a prayer and a short presentation based on the Proverb 9:10, "Fearing of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Following the devotional, discussion focused on our mission to the UMC at Estancia and our mission to the community. Most of the church repair and maintenance work is deferred until spring. The men discussed work that is needed on a couple of driveways of church members. The need for earth moving equipment was left as one action that we need to pin down before covering the surfaces with gravel. At this time, the stained glass project for windows in the church does not need major support from the Methodist Men.

The Men turned their attention to a proposal by Jon to be more effective in reaching out to the community as defined in our charter. One of the limitations the church members, as well as the Men's group encounter, is the limited number of workers. Just about everyone who regularly attends church is serving the church community in several capacities in addition to duties at home and in the other organizations. Several solutions addressing this limit were discussed. While adding new members and eliminating some activities might alleviate the shortfall in workers, the Men propose to expand the outreach program to include other churches in the Estancia area. As a first step Bill Simms, Jon Shively and Don Fitzner formed an ad hoc committee to develop a plan to work with other churches. If we can secure enough support from other churches, then the outreach program will be able to focus more effectively on the needs of the community. If we can get several churches to participate, then we may be able to obtain direct support from Love Inc. which now operates in Albuquerque. While the men of the churches will handle most of the activities related to fix up and repair, we expect that there will be a definite need for female and student participation.

-Jon Shively

"We Need Each Other" (song title)

I am a part of you, you are a part of me.

We're not alone in this world, we need each other.

Reach out and take my hand, I need your strength to stand.

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FINANCE...

It's time for budget planning *again*. We hope to meet within the next two weeks, when folks are back from hunting season. I didn't know that so many of our finance folks were hunters. Those of you working with committees in the church need to get information to me anticipating your budget needs for next year. The finance committee will review these requests and discuss them with you. I know that many of you choose to bear the expense for many of the things that you do, and that is truly appreciated. We are very fortunate that we have members who donate extra supplies and work to keep the church and building clean by volunteering every month. This is worth a lot to our church! Everyone at the glass shop is giving their time and talent to make our church beautiful. The trustees have done a wonderful job keeping everything in working order and comfortable for us as we use the church and education building. Much, much work has been done on the parsonage. Thank You Lord!

I would like each of you to think of what we might be able to do within this community in order to show God's love and caring. The pastor has challenged us to stay connected and care for others and our own congregation, so let's be more alert to what folks might need and how we can help each other. The children in our midst are our future. Let's see if we can be more caring about their needs and how we might help them get to know about God and God's love through each of us. I know many times I have said to myself, "been there done that," when I had children at home. I don't know the average age of our folks, but I'll bet it is not 39! But we do have children who will take our place and keep our little church a blessing to our community. Put on your thinking cap and let me know about the wonderful ideas that come to you, so that we may be able to plan and use this next year wisely. We should not be so comfortable and happy with our current situation -- I find myself being perfectly satisfied knowing that not that much is required of me. I need to change and be willing to listen to the word of God and ask Him what it is He wants me to do today and tomorrow for the benefit of my church.

I look forward to hearing all your wonderful ideas, no matter how far out they may appear at first, they will get consideration and a vote---so get them coming.

-Marcia Fitzner - Finance

This is a special invitation...

from
Bella Notte

For a Thanksgiving meal at **NO CHARGE**. We will be serving a plate of food between the hours of 11:30—5:00 p.m. Don't stay home alone or feel you can't afford to feed yourself or your family. Come and have a time of great conversation or just enjoy the food on your own. All foods were donated by local merchants and community members.



Joyous Singers performing last Sunday



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Oh, God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.

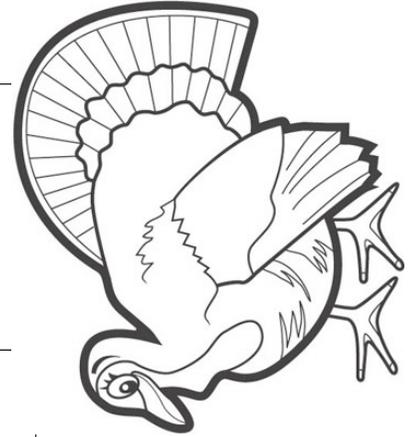
Samuel E Pugh



Did you remember to "FALL BACK"?

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	2 9:am Glass Shop	3 9:am Glass Shop	4 10:am Quilters	5	6	7 9:am Glass Shop
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Wishful Thinking

Three good friends died in a car accident and went to heaven. During their orientation interview, the angel asked them, "When your friends and family are looking down at you in your coffin at your funeral, what would you like to hear them say?"

"Well," said the first man, "I think I'd like to hear them say that he was a great doctor of the time, and a good husband."

"That's very good," said the angel. He turned to the second one and said, "And what would you like to hear your family and friends say as they look at you in your coffin?"

She thought for a minute, then said, "I'd like to hear them say that she was a good mother, and a good teacher to the children of tomorrow."

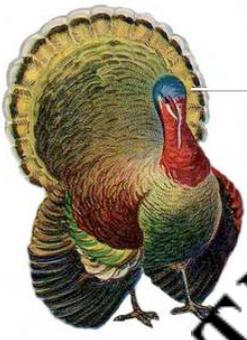
"That's a good answer too," said the angel. Turning to the third, he said, "And what would you like to hear your loved ones say as they're looking at you in your coffin?"

Without hesitation, he said, "I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's still breathing!'"

Sermon Text

During the course of a bitter pastor-congregation dispute, the church's pastor quit and found a job working as a chaplain at the local jail. On his last Sunday with the church, just before he left for his new job at the jail, he preached as his sermon text John 14:3: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."





THANKSGIVING PRACTICE!

Sign-up

Turkey / Gravy 1) _____

2) _____

Dressing 1) _____

2) _____

Mashed / Sweet Potatoes 1) _____

2) _____

Cranberry Sauce 1) _____

2) _____

Pickles/Olives/Celery 1) _____

2) _____

Rolls / Bread 1) _____

2) _____

Vegetables 1) _____

2) _____

Salad (apple or other) 1) _____

2) _____

Pies 1) _____ 3) _____

2) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____



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